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On The Cover

Cast of the Enigma Players in the Jerry Schmidt production "Frankenbologniastein" seen at the Stonewall in July of 1995. Pictured from left to right are Top: Rosann Damico, Tim Galgoci, David Smith Don Hardy, Matthew Stitzer. Center: Tinsel Garland. Bottom: Dusty Corners, Harry VanKuren.

Writer and director, Jerry Schmidt, has been invited to bring his show to The Theatre Outlet, in Allentown, where it will run on October 28, 1996.

Kathy Jameson (not pictured) will be returning to her role as "Mae Bolognia" in this production.

This show is sure to sell out quick, so get your tickets early! For more info, please see the article on page 20.

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A Look Back

Left: Dina finally gets the trophy without having to kidnap it!! The Team from Candida Wins the F.A.C.T. Summer Games.

Top right: A group of attendees looks on at the closing ceremonies of the Summer Games.

Right: Georgeann and Candida show just how fierce the competition can get!! The 11th Annual Summer Games was attended by over 650 people raising over $16,000.

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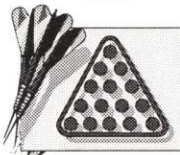

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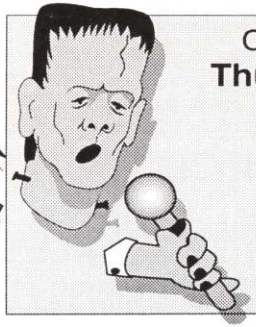

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Miss Cartwheel 1997 Pageant
Monday November 4

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Drag Search with Monica Rey
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⑥ Coming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Oct. 2	Pride of L.V. General Election	Grace Cov. Fell.
5	Cheryl Skye	Diamonz
9	Maxi Carter / Drag show	Stonewall
11	Customer Appreciation Party	Diamonz
11	AIDS Mem. Quilt Display	Wash., DC
12	Michael Ferreri	Stonewall
12	Melissa Reaves	Diamonz
12	Bus Trip to DC for AIDS Quilt	Call:770-6200
12	AIDS Mem. Quilt Display	Wash., DC
13	The 1st Annual Benefit Drag Ball	Stonewall
13	Dream Team male review	Stonewall
13	AIDS Mem. Quilt Display	Wash., DC
14	Fab Drag / Drag show	Scarab
16	Tinsel Garland / Drag show	Stonewall
17	Bingo benefit for FACT	Stonewall
18	Candida birthday w/ Lois Miller	Candida
18	Elaine Paxson	Stonewall
18	Oldie Night w/ "Double Duce"	Diamonz
19	Kate & CJ	Diamonz
19	Michael Ferreri	Stonewall
20	Bingo Benefit for LVGLTF	Diamonz
21	Demons to the Dancefloor	Woodlands
22	LGLV Gay & Lesbian Skating	call: 432-5449
23	Ms. Stonewall Pageant	Stonewall
25	Male Strippers	Rainbow Mt.
25	Comedienne Sabrina Mathews	Diamonz
26	Halloween Party	Diamonz
26	Halloween Party	Stonewall
26	Halloween Party	Rainbow Mt.
27	Halloween Party	Cartwheel
28	All Age Halloween Party	Stonewall
28	Drag Search Halloween Party	Cartwheel
30	Tinsel Garland / Drag show	Stonewall
30	Hardbody's male review & Party	Cartwheel
31	Halloween Costume Karaoke	Candida
31	Cowboy Costume Party	Cartwheel
Nov. 1	Parade of Costumes party	Cartwheel
2	Halloween Party	Scarab
2	LV Gay Men's Chorus Concert	call:437-1195
5	VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!	VOTE!
8	Employee Talent Show	Rainbow Mt.

Note: The Coming Events section is provided as a voluntary service to the community. Due to the chance of typographical error, schedule changes, or inadequate source info we strongly suggest that you use it as a guide and call the individual organizations for more info and/or confirmation. Phone numbers can be found on page 26.

Weekly

SUNDAY
--KARAOKE / DIAMONZ / 9PM-2AM
--KARAOKE / STONEWALL / 10PM-2AM
--ELAINE PAXSON / CARTWHEEL
--SUNDAY TEA / CARTWHEEL / 4PM

MONDAY
--ALL AGE NIGHT / STONEWALL / 10PM-2AM
--DRAG SEARCH / CARTWHEEL / 11PM
--DragSearch Night / SELECTIONS / 11PM

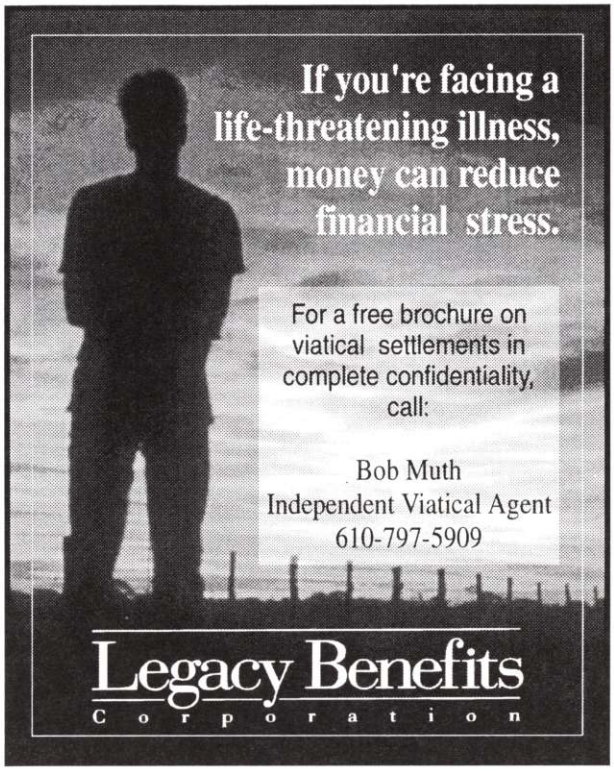
TUESDAY
--KARAOKE / DIAMONZ / 9PM
--KARAOKE / SCARAB / 10pm-2am
--KARAOKE / SELECTIONS
--DART LEAGUE / CANDIDA (after 10/8)

WEDNESDAY
--COUPON NIGHT / SCARAB
--POOL LEAGUE / CANDIDA 8PM (after 10/9)
--MALE STRIPPERS / CARTWHEEL / 11:30PM

THURSDAY
--KARAOKE / DIAMONZ / 9PM-2AM
--KARAOKE / SCARAB / 10PM-2AM
--KARAOKE / CANDIDA / 10PM-2AM
--COUNTRY 2-STEP / Cartwheel / 8PM
--COUNTRY WESTERN / SELECTIONS
--POOL LEAGUE / DIAMONZ
--REQUEST DANCE / STONEWALL

FRIDAY
--MICHAEL FERRERI/CARTWHEEL
--Band, Request or Oldies Night / DIAMONZ

SATURDAY
--ELAINE PAXSON / CARTWHEEL



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- DJ 10pm-2am

Tuesdays:
- Drink Special 10-12
- Karaoke 10pm-2am

Wednesdays:
- Special Happy Hour
- Coupon Night

Thursdays:
- Drink Special 10-12
- Karaoke 10pm-2am

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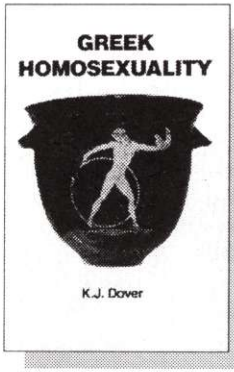
by William Benson



BOOK REVIEW:
Greek Homosexuality, by K.J. Dover. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1989. $15.95

I write these reviews out of a need for poetry, and sign these snippets accordingly. October is my birthday month, so I want to outline something dear in my heart, through a book.

Greek homosexuality means being relaxed, gentle, sweet, natural, passionate, loving and spiritually sensual and sexual. Guys don't try to be absolutely fabulous or too fierce, they just are. There's ultimately no top or bottom; although one might be more one than the other, when you are in love, you want him to "have" you just as much as you want to "have" him, and you want him to "have" you precisely because you need to "have" him. The boy only really becomes a "real man" after he's received anal intercourse. There's no guilt or shame, no embarrassment such as "uh, yeah, I'll call you."

Our society teaches almost-completely opposite ideals of what a "real man" is. If you're into a "John Wayne" and end up miserable, of course! You're looking in the wrong place. K.J. Dover's book is considered the classic study on the subject. It is an important work, but one which I must place in context for a novice reader. Then, as now, the true homosexual was a rare person; bisexuality, however, was more commonly open and accepted as natural; there were also straight men. There was also much pressure for bisexual men to nonetheless socially conform by marrying a woman and having children. A boy getting "plowed" by an older man was a part of one's initiation into becoming a full adult, however the act often became symbolically ritualized by intercrural intercourse ("frontage") for many.

This ritual pattern, of the older man and teenage boy, is one I'm glad (or lucky) to have escaped; however in ancient Greece there were many same- or similar-aged lovers as well. Patroklos and Achilles, celebrated in Homer, is but one very famous example of a model homosexual couple's absolute fidelity and devotion to each other.

This book gives many examples of ancient Greek homosexuality, including its documentation in drama, poetry, painted pottery, and everyday life. although an enlightening book on the subject, I would suggest reading this in conjunction with some other books as well. The Greeks had many specific words which we don't have in English. Dover includes some, but for more focus on concepts that can be communicated in language, see The Maculate Muse by Jeffrey Henderson. For some of the emotional passion that can be experienced, read the poetry of Theokritos and Anakreon. For a far better selection of visual materials, see Sex or Symbol by Catherine Johns; and A City of Images: Iconography and Society in Ancient Greece by Claude Berard et al. For reflections on Eros (the god of Love), see Plato's Symposium, which is an all-male drinking party, where the guests entertain themselves by sharing their wisdom and experience.

Love was created along with the earth. Love is both transcendent as well as in all our human senses. and yes, Love (Eros), is a "he". May you all come in conscious contact with your god.

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Liz OUT Loud

by Liz Bradbury

An ENDA in Sight

In September the Senate voted on DOMA, the Defense of Marriage Act which says in essence, no same-sex marriages, (bad) and ENDA, the Employment NonDiscrimination Act which says we should have the same job protection as other minorities (good).

DOMA passed (bad), but we didn't expect to get marriage rights from this Congress anyway, and hopefully we will win these rights in the courts so put that on the back burner for now. It was ENDA that surprised everybody because it was so close. It was defeated 49 to 50. Trish and I watched CNN coverage of the Senate all day. Most of the speeches were pro-ENDA and were encouraging. One Republican Senator from Vermont began by saying, "80 to 85 % of the American people are for employment rights for gays and lesbians.... so pass it, it's the American way".

When It came time for the roll call I cried when ENDA was defeated by just one vote. Later we found out a Democrat from Arkansas was absent because his son was having cancer surgery. He would have voted yes, then Al Gore would have broken the tie. A helicopter was actually standing by so Gore could rush to the Capitol to vote yes.

I was depressed, but then it reminded me of my high school friend Tom. He went to Vale and was on the Yale College Bowl Quiz on TV in the 70's, (nope kids we don't have a tape of it, why in those days folks didn't have VCRs) . Yale was up against MIT and Harvard. The winner would play in the international tournament. It was excitingly close. Yale lost to MIT but Yale still seemed smart because they only lost by one 5 point question. Tom was sad until the next round when he saw MIT totally murdered and humiliated by the team from Cambridge England. The MIT team didn't even get 25% of the questions right, they looked like fools. Nobody remembered they'd just narrowly beaten Yale.

Even though Clinton endorsed ENDA, it never would have gotten to him to sign because if ENDA had passed the Senate the next stop would hove been Newt's House where it would have been hugely defeated by conservative Congressmen. The memory of it narrowly passing in the Senate would have been erased by newspaper headlines reading, "ENDA killed by an overwhelming majority in the House".

ENDA can not come up again in the current 104th Congress, but soon there will be a 105th Congress. Hopefully, if we all vote, it will be more gay-friendly. When ENDA comes up again, people will remember the close-vote headlines and see the recent loss as a technical error that should have been a win. Clinton has committed to sign ENDA, Dole will not. It's a clear choice, vote for your rights.

By the way, Congressman Paul McHale, who is up for reelection in our area this term, has publicly promised to vote for ENDA. In his last election McHale won by 600 votes. There are 700 gay and lesbian voters on the LGLV mailing list in Allentown alone. Think about that when you're on the way to the polls on November 5th. You matter. You go.

If you recently registered to vote at an event but did not get a confirmation card in the mail, call your county's voter registration office to check and to ask them where your polling place is if you aren't sure.

Lehigh County Voter's Registration # 820-3194
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It's Back !

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Tuesday
November 5th

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Monday, Oct 28

Drag Search with Monica Rey

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Costume contest after show

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Wednesday, Oct 30

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Thursday, Oct 31

Two-Steppin' with June Bromley

Cowboy Costume

Bonanza Party

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Friday, Nov 1

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To Your Health

by Dr. John Cochran

Another summer is gone and once again fall is in the air. Cooler breezes rustle the trees as the leaves begin their annual show in "true living color". Fall planting is started as summer flowers begin to fade. And, once again, little children begin their daily journey to school. Think of the little ones. Tiny little people just beginning the wonderful undertaking of formal education. For some it is a wrenching experience, leaving the shelter of home and Mother's care for the first time; for others, a welcome adventure; for all, a great step towards independence.

When I think back to my very first days of school, the most exciting thing I can remember was the thrill of learning how to read. Somehow I had taken for granted the hours and hours that my mother or father read to me and my brothers and sisters. This was something they could do... sort of like magic! Now, suddenly the whole world opened up to me as I discovered and developed this most wonderful skill for myself. And the joy of it has only increased through the years. "Bookstore" and "Budget-buster" are synonymous, for me! Thank goodness for the public library! Whether seeking information, inspiration, or just entertainment, it can be found in an unlimited variety in books. Lessons in gaining knowledge of our inner self or of the furthest reaches of the universe are available to one and all by way of the printed pages.

The three R's have always been a symbol of education and learning. Most often they are referred to as the basic elements for the scholastic educational process in our community.

Now that the time for returning to school is here, school children of all ages are preparing themselves for the transition from a time of vacation to a time of hard work and concentration.

For most there are many changes. There is often a need for new clothes, perhaps riding a bus, and many new friends to meet.

Parents who have experienced these factors themselves generally regard any resulting pressure as "normal" and understand that once the preparations are complete the pressures of change will subside.

Dr. Max Rafferty, a Leading Educator when asked to define the purpose of education replied that there was not just one purpose, but five main purposes. He listed them as follows:

1) To pursue the truth. No matter where it may be or how cleverly it may be concealed, truth is what education is an endless search for.

2) To hand down the cultural heritage of the human race. Otherwise, each generation would have to spend its valuable time reinventing the wheel, or writing Hamlet. Education focuses the accumulated knowledge of the past upon the vexing problems of the present in order to make possible a better future.

3) To teach organized, disciplined, systematic subject matter. Only the knowledge of specific matter, and the ability to use it, can be a basis for going forward to new creativity, scientific advancements and technological development.

4) To help the individual realize his own potential. Not life adjustment, togetherness, in-groupness, or happy, easy comfortable acceptance by one's peer group, but the emphasis on each

WEDNESDAY
October 2, 16, & 30
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October 9
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October 12 & 19
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10PM - 1:30AM

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individual's full potential.

5) To ensure the survival of our country. This is just plain self-preservation. If Uncle Sam goes down the drain, so does our whole education establishment.

With so many things to consider, is it any wonder that the child's health is often overlooked? During the time when children are out of school for vacation, their recreational activities often played havoc with the condition of their spine. Tree climbing, bike riding, sports activities, and outside work use muscles that may not have been used for months while the child was in the classroom. The result could be a spinal dysfunction that may impair a child's scholastic abilities in the upcoming school years.

It should be noted that the early school years (ages 6-10) are the years when a child is most apt to develop the crippling spinal problem, scoliosis. The person best qualified to scientifically evaluate and correct this condition of the spine is your Doctor of Chiropractics. Chiropractors have been correcting spinal dysfunction, including scoliosis, for over 100 years. Your child's school years are the time of life when he or she will lay the foundation for future success. For that reason you owe it to your children to be sure that a spinal sublaxation doesn't prevent doing his or her best.

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Dykes with Tykes

by Michelle Zimmer

Finding yourself in your late 20's and in love, really in love for the first time in your life, can make you act quite foolish. Or at least it did me. I went on a diet. I bought racks of new clothes and I actually began getting our of bed more than 30 minutes before I had to be at work, in order to make myself "beautiful."

Kay and I wrote love notes and talked on the phone for hours. My husband didn't notice the diet or the clothes, but he did notice the time I spent on the phone. It's hard to fetch and carry when attached to a four foot phone cord, "Godammit! You see her all day at work, what could you possibly have to talk about on the phone?" (If he only knew.)

Before long we began driving to and from work together, ostensibly to save gas, but in reality we were able to stop for a few minutes in a vacant lot before and after work to grab a few stolen kisses, (the extent of our physical relationship thus far.) We lived for these "romantic" interludes behind a trash dumpster and were only caught by the police on two humiliating occasions. From the trash dumpster we would head for work where we would try to act cool and detached.

Work was particularly frustrating because we worked in an office where everyone knew everyone else's business. We sat across from each other and one wrong look observed by the office gossip and our secret would be out.

You know the office gossip. No office is complete without one. They spend the majority of their day floating from desk to desk, cubicle to cubicle, pretending to be everyone's friend, all the while trying to glean some spicy piece of information. They immediately take this information our of context, blow it out of proportion and pass it on to the person they feel will be most likely to be offended, scandalized or titillated by it. Our office gossip, Karen, would have considered it a real coup to discover Kay and I, both married, not to mention both women, involved with each other.

Eventually Kay and I decided to quit and start our own business, which really made us the subject of many whispers at the coffee pot. But we didn't care, we were young and in love (well, okay we were in love anyway) and we had the world by the tail. Of course underneath all of this giddiness was the unavoidable feeling of guilt about our husbands and the knowledge that no matter what we decided to do we could not continue to go on sneaking around.

We agreed that while telling our husbands the truth, we'd fallen in love, realized we were lesbians and wanted to be together forever, would be the most practical thing to do, it wasn't the right move for us. Looking back I know this decision really made things more complicated, but we wanted to come out of this with our kids and our lives.

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PAST/OUT

BY DAVID BIANCO

What is the history of the AIDS Quilt?

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt is the brainchild of Cleve Jones, a longtime San Francisco politico who as a college student in the 1970s interned for openly gay Supervisor Harvey Milk. Jones was one of the organizers of San Francisco's annual candlelight march to commemorate Milk's assassination and celebrate his contributions to that city's gay, lesbian, and bisexual community. As he prepared for the 1985 march, he learned that more than a thousand San Franciscans had already died of AIDS. Searching for a way to display such a large number, Jones invited marchers to write the names of a friend or loved one who had died on a piece of cardboard. When the march arrived at San Francisco's old Federal Building, the participants taped their pieces of cardboard to the wall, forming a mosaic of names that struck Jones as a quilt.

The next year, Jones made what was to be the first panel of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, in memory of his friend Marvin Feldman. Jones began encouraging friends to make their own panels, and along with NAMES Project general manager Mike Smith started raising money and organizing to bring as many panels as possible to the October 1987 March on Washington for a public display. As he prepared for the quilt display, Jones found out that he was HIV-positive himself.

The nearly two thousand panels of the quilt were one of the most striking - and enduring - aspects of the 1987 march. Thousands and thousands of gay and lesbian Americans who were sorrowful, angry, and wearied from the toll of the epidemic were extremely moved by the sheer power of so many personalized panels. The next spring, the quilt toured 20 American cities, raising a half million dollars for AIDS service organizations and collecting thousands of additional panels. When the quilt was shown in its entirety in Washington in October 1988, it had more than quadrupled in size. The quilt continued to grow, with panels pouring in to the NAMES Project's San Francisco office from all over the country and the world. Portions of the quilt were displayed in hundreds of communities, and subsequent full displays in Washington in 1989 and 1992 attracted thousands of visitors, many of whom wept silently as a voice on a loudspeaker read name after name of people who were memorialized by a panel in the quilt.

The quilt has helped many Americans - straight people in particular - see AIDS as a disease they should care about. Visitors to quilt displays often come away with a better sense of the diversity of the people struck by the epidemic, not to mention the toll the disease has taken - not only on its gay and straight victims, but on their family members, lovers and friends.

This impact is no accident. The quilt's originators consciously drew on an old American tradition of quilt-making, a form of art and craftsmanship that brought communities together. As Jones (now a long-term survivor of HIV disease) wrote, "We chose the symbol of the quilt in a deliberate effort to evoke and recapture the traditional American values that had yet to be applied to this apparently 'nontraditional' situation - values of cooperation, mutual respect and individual freedom."

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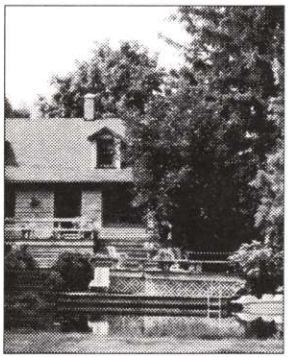

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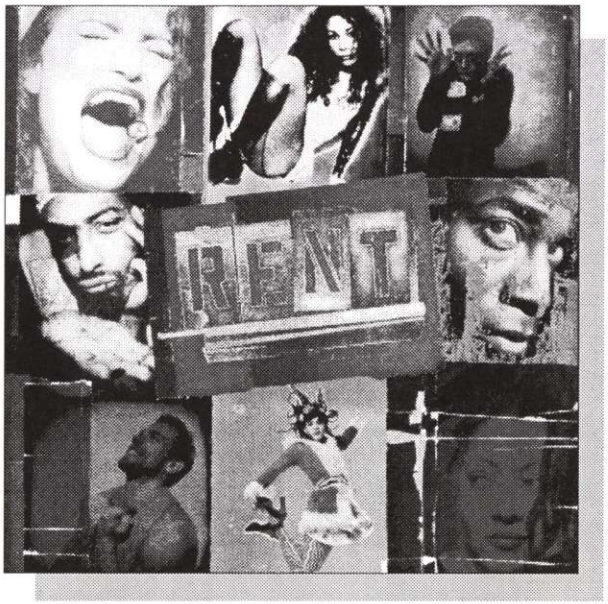

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What more could (or should) be said (Pulitzer Prize, Tony, Tony, Tony, and lotza hype) about Rent? Not since Mozart's Requiem (spawner of the controversial play Amadaus) can I think of a post-mortem work that has generated this much attention. Jonathan Larson has left behind a musical legacy that is well deserving of all the praise.

Rent is a modern update of the old "boy meets girl, girl comes back from the dead" story. Throw in sub-plots far more complex than a season of Friends, ... greed, dreams, AZT, life, and all of its ramifications ... and you have Rent. There's plenty of Rock, Raucous and Techno ("Today 4 U"). There are songs that sound like that angry Billy Joel song ("La Vie Boheme"), and there's lots of electricity.

But the things that leave the most lasting impressions are the tear wrenching ballads. "One Song Glory", "Will I", "I'll Cover You", and the soon to be High School choir staple, "Seasons Of Love."

The cast sounds fresh and tight. Wilson Jermaine Heredia shines as the full-of-life transvestite angel. The oh-too-gorgeous Adam Pascal has the spark that made Murray Head the perfect Jesus. Former dance floor diva, Daphne, ignites sultry fires as junkie Mimi.

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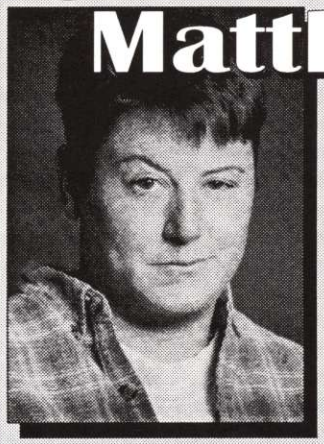
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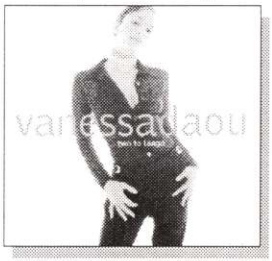

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NOTES ON THE MOVEMENT

by Steve Black

US. Senate Passes DOMA and narrowly Defeats ENDA

On Tuesday, September 10 the US Senate voted on two pieces of legislation affecting gay men and lesbians. The first, the Defense of Marriage Act denies federal recognition to same-sex marriages and allows states not to recognize gay marriages performed in another state. The legislation had already passed the US Houses by a lopsided margin. The Senators approved the legislation 85-14.

The debate was remarkable not for the anti-gay rhetoric of the proponents of the bill, but because of the sincerity and passion of the Senators opposing this legislation as blatant bigotry and election year gay bashing. Senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts led the charge against the legislation, while Senators Kerry of Massachusetts, Kerrey of Nebraska, Robb of Virginia, Boxer of California spoke against the bill. Carol Mosely Braun of Illinois, the only African-American Senator, spoke poignantly comparing the legislation to laws that prohibited interracial marriages until the late 1960's.

Pennsylvania's' two senators, Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum, both voted yes" on DOMA.

The Employment Non Discrimination Act, which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment was narrowly defeated, 49-50.

President Clinton and Vice President Gore aggressively lobbied undecided Senators to vote "yes" on ENDA. Both Clinton and Gore made phone calls to the Senate floor minutes before the vote. Gore, campaigning in Scranton, had a helicopter standing by just in case he was needed to cast a tie breaking vote.

Even though ENDA was defeated, the Gay and lesbian community should not be disheartened or become disillusioned. This was the first time the Senate voted on gay rights legislation and for that legislation to be defeated by only one vote is surprising. No political observer, gay or straight, ever expected ENDA to receive such broad support. We must remember, this is still the beginning of the fight for equal employment opportunity, not the end. This vote puts our community in a great position to pass ENDA in the next session of Congress.

In total, 41 Democratic and 8 Republican Senators voted "yes" on ENDA, while 45 Republican and 5 Democratic Senators voted "no." Pennsylvania's Republican Senators, split on the issue with Specter voting "yes" and Santorum voting "no". You can write your Senators at: The US Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

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Enigma Players move to the Theatre Outlet bringing Gay Comedy to the Masses

The Enigma Players will be performing ***Frankenbologniastein*** at the Theatre Outlet in Allentown, PA on October 28, 1996 at 8pm. This marks the first time the Enigma Players have performed outside the Stonewall Disco Theatre. After two years at the Stonewall the group will bring it's off the wall comedy to a more varied audience. ***Frankenbologniastein*** is a funny, but raunchy, parody featuring the Bolognia family of Appalachia.

The Bolognia's, a family of three generations of prostitutes need to bring a loved one back to life. The family reunites at Aunt Muff's (Matthew Stitzer) B&B to bring Ida (David Smith) "back into use." Muff's maid Igorella Sinclair (Tinsel Garland) knows the procedure, but she wants to own the B&B. Mae, the fool, (Kathy Jameson) Cousin Sheeda (Rosann Damico), and Albie (Tim Galgoci) are the rest of the Bolognias. Igorella's children, This and That (Dusty Corners and Harry VanKuren) add comic relief to the procedure.

Writer, director Jerry Schmidt is excited to take his comedy to the Theatre Outlet, and introduce a new audience to the Enigma Players. Being a part of the Counter Culture Monday Series seems to be the best way to accomplish that. The Theatre Outlet is located on Ninth Street in Allentown. Tickets are $5 and you can bring in beer and wine. For ticket information and directions call the Outlet at (610) 820-9270.

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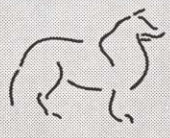

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Ms. Morgan will lead the LVGMC into its 3rd season building upon their past credits which include appearances at Mayfair, Lehigh Valley's Pridefest, Lucent Technologies and performances with Metropolitan opera star Marilyn Horne and ACCO.

Ms. Morgan will make her debut with the LVGMC on November 2, 1996 when the chorus will hold its annual fall concert at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bethlehem, PA. The concert is titled "We're Bach... To Bernstein. Great Compositions" and features J. S. Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze" and Leonard Bernstein's "Dream With Me". For information about concert ticket reservations membership in LVGMC (singing or associate memberships) call 610-437-1195.

Civic Theatre to present 'Grand Hotel, the Musical'

Musical fantasy of the 1920s will open Civic's 70th season

The Civic Theatre of Allentown will open its 70th season October 4, with the Lehigh Valley premiere of "Grand Hotel, the Musical," the award-winning Broadway musical.

Hailed by critics, "Grand Hotel" is a lively, stately musical that occupies the space where fantasy, reality, and a lavish Berlin hotel of the 1920s intersect. With a book by Luther Davis, songs by Robert Wright and George Forrest, and additional music and lyrics by Maury Yeston, "Grand Hotel" is based on Vicki Baum's 1927 novel "Grand Hotel." The novel also was the source for a 1930 play and for the classic 1932 MGM film, with John and Lionel Barrymore, Joan Crawford and Greta Garbo.

As the story opens, the year is 1928, and the place is the most decadent and luxurious hotel in Berlin or in the world – the Grand Hotel. World War I is a fading memory; World War II is a "lifetime" away. As the door revolves, lives are entwined for one brief moment. Among the guests are a handsome, penniless baron; a fading prima ballerina and her lonely companion; a pretty typist dreaming of stardom; and a dying bookkeeper who plans to live out his last days in comfort and splendor.

Originally produced on Broadway in 1990, "Grand Hotel" won five Tony Awards and 12 nominations, including Best Musical, Best Book and Best Score. The show features variations on numerous dances of the 1920s era, and covers a broad range of musical styles. The actors utilize an eerily abstract set to create the fragmented world of pre-Depression Berlin.

The Civic Theatre production of "Grand Hotel" runs Oct. 4-19. The Civic Celebration, featuring "High Tea at the Grand Hotel," a Civic Cabaret and silent auction, will follow the matinee on Oct. 13. Tickets for both "Grand Hotel" and the Civic Celebration are on sale now in the Civic Theatre box office. For reservations and information: (610) 432-8943.

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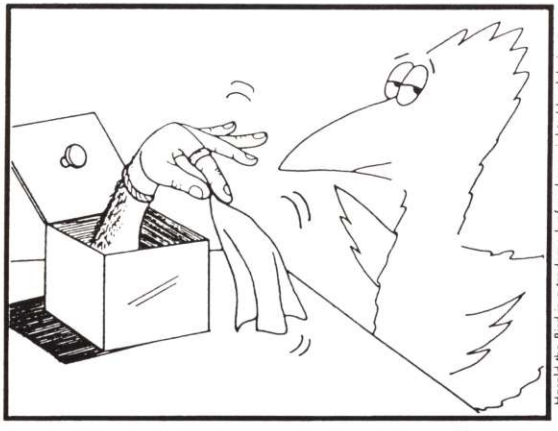

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PRESIDENT CLINTON SIGNS DOMA

President Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act in the early hours of Saturday, September 21. The President held no public signing ceremony as he did on other pieces of legislation such as the minimum wage or welfare reform. The President's spokesperson issued the following statement "The president believes the motives behind this bill are dubious and the president believes that the sooner he gets this over with the better."

PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

A poll shows gay and lesbian voters strongly favor Clinton over Dole and Perot in the upcoming Presidential Election despite Clinton's signing of DOMA. A Human Rights Campaign poll found 70% support Clinton, 11% support Dole and 9% support Perot.

VOTERS' GUIDE

The Voters' Guide, published by the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters will be available beginning October 6. The Guide profiles candidate's positions and voting records on issues affecting the gay and lesbian community. The Guide will be available at businesses and organizations serving the gay and lesbian community. For more information on obtaining copies of the Voters' Guide, please call LGLV at (610) 432-5449 or (215) 735-0852.

DYKES with TYKES

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You have to understand, these are men whose motto is "The Only Good Liberal is a Dead Liberal," their hero is Rush Limbaugh, and they both know how to use firearms. Coming out to them seemed a bit risky. Instead we cited all the other reasons our marriages were not working (all of them true,) and hoped that they wouldn't suspect when we moved in together. Real realistic, huh? Nevertheless we made it out with our kids and lived to tell about it. I'm sure our exes suspect but I'm equally sure they don't want to know for sure. If they did then they'd have to face the fact that their wife left them for a woman and I don't think their manly egos could take that blow.

So here we are five years later, still together, still happy and still closeted from our exes. Some things have changed though. I have put back on the weight that I lost, there is no extra money for lots of new clothes and there is little time for primping.

I love the life that Kay and I have together but sometimes I do miss the "newness" and the excitement we had in the beginning. Maybe I should do something to fix that. I think we need a night out to recapture some of those feelings. Now I just need to find a deserted shopping center with a trash dumpster we can park behind.

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QUEER Science

By Simon LeVay, Ph.D.

All your friends are doing it, so finally you go with the flow and decide to have a child. You take a class in gay parenting, and you learn about in vitro techniques, surrogacy, first-, second-, and two-parent adoptions, and what have you. But there's one little nagging question that no one discusses: do you want a gay child or a straight child, and how do you get the one you want?

"For shame!" I hear you saying. "I'll love my child and support her or him in whatever sexual orientation, gender, or lifestyle he or she chooses." Fine. I applaud that. But the fact is, parents often want their children to be like themselves. Adoptive parents generally prefer children of their own race, for example. It's just easier. And who would do a better job of raising gay kids than gay parents?

Up until recently, if you'd asked your doctor about this, s/he would probably have advised you as follows. In the case of a son, the mother should be as close-binding and dominant as possible, and the father (if any) should be detached or hostile. In the case of a daughter, you should do your best to stir up penis envy and sibling rivalry - maybe even arrange to have her molested. Not a very appealing strategy, of course. You'd probably end up with kids who hated you, whatever their sexual orientation.

But now comes the gay gene and the human genome project, and it's a whole new ball game. Step up to the DNA salad-bar and put together the child of your dreams: cute, smart, socially responsible, and queer as a three-dollar bill. Well, we're not quite that far yet. We have to make do with "intermediate technology." But here are some pointers.

First, just because you're gay, and homosexuality is partly genetic, that doesn't guarantee that your biological child will be gay too - far from it. In fact, most studies indicate that the children of gay men and lesbians are only slightly more likely to be gay than children of heterosexuals. In the case of the sons of gay men, the reason for this may have to do with the specific pattern of inheritance. Dean Hamer and his colleagues at the National Institutes of Health have reported that at least one gene predisposing to male homosexuality lies on the X chromosome - a chromosome that men never pass on to their sons, only to their daughters.

So if you're a gay man and you want a gay son, you need to think about the son's mother. Not whether she's lesbian, because that won't help. But whether she has a gay brother or (preferably) brothers. If Hamer is right - his results haven't yet been replicated - the sons of such a woman would have about a 12 percent likelihood of being gay. Or, you could look for a woman who's already had a gay son. If she's still of child-bearing age (and could be persuaded to have your baby), you could up the chances of your son being gay to about 25 percent. But still, you'd have to have two such sons just for an even chance of having one of them be gay. And of course, you'd be just as likely to have daughters as sons.

So, it's not a sure-fire thing right now. All the more reason to support genetic-engineering research. But in the meantime, there is another way, and that is to adopt a "pre-gay" child. If you can find a young boy who is so outrageously gender-nonconformist that he's the despair of his biological parents, and the object of scorn and derision from schoolmates, teachers, neighbors and practically everyone else - why then, snap him up, because he's got about an 80 percent chance of turning out gay, according to child psychiatrist Richard Green. And vice versa for lesbians, although the statistics aren't quite so favorable.

You don't want a son who spends all his time trying on negligees? Don't worry, it's just a phase. Most of these kids turn into pretty conventional gay men (if that isn't an oxymoron). Levis, leather, and so on. Perhaps they keep a few silk dresses in the back of their closet, but don't we all? Strictly for Halloween.

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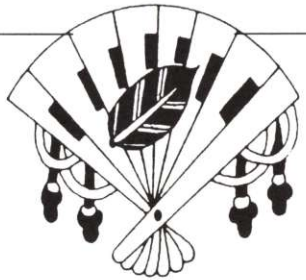

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AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb.18

Creative effort on hold this month, but you will need the rest because next month will be VERY busy. Prepare for the best because it is heading your way. Money and fame are right around the corner, so don't blow it! Quitting is not an option.

PISCES
Feb.19-March 20

Love life blooms for you in the middle of this month. Go with the flow and you will be pleasantly surprised. Unexpected trip will provide the change in scene you need to open you eyes to the one right in front of you.

ARIES
March 21-April 19

Family highlighted this month. Attend that gathering you have been having second thoughts about, it may be the last chance you have too see that favorite uncle of yours. Sagittarius native in your corner.

TAURUS
April 20-May 20

Time for a change, do something new with your physical appearance, try that new hairstyle you have been contemplating or buy some new clothes. Experiment with letting the beautiful person inside out for a little fresh air!

GEMINI
May 21-June 20

Domestic situation improves this month. You have made the changes needed to make you partner happy. Keep up the good work and you will be rewarded. Financial picture looks better, management is the key to continued success. Recent past could very well be behind you.

CANCER
June 21-July 22

Feeling blue? Things will be a little glum this month, but don't let it get you down. The way to happiness is an unexpected avenue that you never thought you'd take. Do the opposite of what your brain tells you at the end of the month, you will be surprised.

LEO
July 23-Aug.22

The only person pulling you in two directions is YOU. You have continued to put yourself in the middle and it is making you miserable. It doesn't have to be this way, simply make a choice and stick to it. Capricorn native is there for you, confide.

VIRGO
Aug.23-Sept.22

Partner will be heading for more creative venues in the next few months. It may seem like a lot to ask, but be patient. There are great changes coming for both or you and it is time to let the Muse take the helm. Adventure awaits!

LIBRA
Sept.23-Oct.22

Your ability to balance life and career will be much needed this month. Make time for fun but don't let it affect your work efforts. Get plenty of rest and you will avoid that cold I see coming on. Wear fall colors, they bring out your striking eyes.

SCORPIO
Oct.23-Nov.21

Whatever happens in the romance department this month, remember, YOUR happiness is just as important. Make sure you are clear about what you want, but don't make it a demand. Your ability to be yourself and speak your mind is key to decision.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov.22-Dec.21

Beds are burning, but not yours! Romance takes a plunge this month, but it is OK, you need to slow down anyway! Too much of a good thing could spoil you for life. Take a minute to step back and ask yourself "Is it really worth it?". Go with your heart.

CAPRICORN
Dec.22-Jan.19

Practice makes perfect. Your hard work pays off. Take the time to enjoy the success, you will need this boost in coming months. Art is a process, so let it flow. Haunting experience will be remembered for years to come. You are your own worst critic.

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